# SAN ISABEL NATIONAL FOREST Colorado

# **ORDER NO. 11-21**

#### **FOREST ORDER**

### **Fire Restrictions**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands administered by the San Isabel National Forest located in Custer, Fremont, Huerfano, Las Animas and Pueblo Counties in Colorado (hereinafter referred to as the "Restricted Area"). The Restricted Area is depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this order as Exhibit A. The purpose of this order is to protect public health and safety.

## **PROHIBITIONS**

- (1) Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, or a coal or wood-burning stove. 36 CFR 261.52(a).
  - Exception: Petroleum fueled stoves, lantems, or heating devices, providing such devices meet the fire underwriter's specifications for safety, are permitted.
- (2) Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three (3) feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material, or in areas posted by authorized Forest Officers. 261.52(d).
- (3) Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame. 36 CFR 261.52(i).
- (4) Using explosives requiring fuse blasting caps. 36CFR 261.52(b).
- (5) Operating a chainsaw or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine for felling, bucking, skidding, road building, and wood cutting during industrial operations or fire wood gathering is prohibited from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(h).

Pursuant to 36 CFR Section 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- (1) Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- (2) Resident owners and lessees of land within the restricted area are exempt from Prohibition (1) above, provided such fires are within a residence.
- (3) For commercial operations authorized under contract or permit: Upon the written approval of the Contracting Officer or Special Use Permit Administrator, internal and external combustion engines may be operated. Contracting Officers and Special Use Permit Administrators will require additional fire precautionary measures such as fire pumpers or water tenders when authorizing operations under this section. A patrol is required for one hour following the cessation of all work.
- (4) Any federal, state, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force, in the performance of an official duty.

This order supersedes, rescinds and replaces order 11-19, issued July 15, 2011.

This order will be in effect from the date it is signed, through December 31, 2011, or until rescinded, whichever event occurs first.

Done at Pueblo, Colorado, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of\_\_\_

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Violation of these prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for a legal entity other than an individual, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. Title 16 USC, Section 551.